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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL
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Application Number	10/768,546
Filing Date	January 30, 2004
First Named Inventor	Cathy Johnson
Art Unit	3617
Examiner Name	Jesus D. Sotelo
Attorney Docket Number	50001/23006

**To: Commissioner for Patents
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Please withdraw me as attorney or agent for the above identified patent application, and

- all the attorneys/agents of record.

the attorneys/agents (with registration numbers) listed on the attached paper(s), or

the attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 24108

NOTE: This box can only be checked when the power of attorney of record in the application is to all the practitioners associated with a customer number.

The reasons for this request are: All attorneys/agents of Carlton Fields are ethically obligated to withdraw from this representation due to a conflict of interest between the joint inventors.

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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

Cathy Johnson <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	6598
Serial No.:	Group Art Unit:	3617
Filed:	Examiner:	Jesus D. Sotelo
	Docket No.	50001/23006

For: **Storage Devices for Boats****REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY OR AGENT
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Sir:

Enclosed is Form PTO/SB/83 requesting withdrawal of all of the attorneys/agents associated with Carlton Fields, P.A. (Customer Number 24108) in the above-referenced patent application because of a conflict of interest between the joint inventors. Also enclosed is a copy of the withdrawal letter which was sent to the Applicants/joint inventors to notify them of this action.

Please change the correspondence address and direct all future correspondence to BOTH joint inventors at the following addresses:

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If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the approval of this request, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (813) 229-4241.

Respectfully submitted,



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Re: **WITHDRAWAL FROM REPRESENTATION**

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/768,546 (Our Ref.: 50001/23006)

PCT/US2004/04032 (Our Ref.: 50001/23007)

Title: STORAGE DEVICES FOR BOATS

Inventors: Cathy Johnson & Russ Jacob Post

Dear Jake & Cathy:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that, as we have orally discussed, Carlton Fields will be withdrawing from our joint representation of each of you in the above-referenced matters on **July 1, 2005** – unless we receive your joint instructions, in writing, regarding the outstanding matters in each application by **June 30, 2005**.

At the outset of these matters, we advised you of the inherent potential conflicts of interest in a joint representation situation (i.e., two individuals, even a brother and sister as in this case, always have the potential of not seeing eye-to-eye). In this regard, we have requested on numerous occasions that you provide your joint instructions for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-referenced U.S. patent application. We have repeatedly explained that we cannot accept instructions from only one of you and, in the absence of your agreement to joint instructions, we are ethically precluded from taking action in these matters. Despite our repeated requests and in light of the ramifications of failing to provide joint instructions, each of you has indicated that such

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agreement and joint instructions are not forthcoming because of a disagreement between the two of you.

We have also advised you that failure to take timely actions in these matters may result in loss of patent rights. Because timely action is necessary to avoid loss of patent rights and because you have indicated that joint instructions are not forthcoming, we have no choice but to withdraw from representing each of you to afford you the opportunity to obtain new counsel to ensure that you do not lose patent rights. If we do not receive your written, joint instructions by June 30, we will withdraw on July 1 from representation in the U.S. patent application with United States Patent & Trademark Office and the International patent application with the United States Receiving Office Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and return copies of your files to each of you. We will request that all future correspondence be forwarded to each of you at the above addresses. It will be your responsibility to obtain new counsel to assist you in handling these matters.

To assist you, and your new counsel, we provide the following status for each of your pending matters:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/768,546

As you know, there is an outstanding Office Action in this patent application which requires a timely response. In order to avoid payment of extension fees, a response to the outstanding Office Action must be submitted to the PTO by **September 9, 2005**. A response may be filed after September 9 (and up to the absolute deadline of December 9, 2005) by paying increasingly-costly extension fees. **Please note, however, that the application will become abandoned unless a response is filed by the absolute deadline of December 9, 2005.**

International Patent Application: PCT/US2004/04032

The PCT application claims priority to the above-referenced U.S. patent application, filed January 30, 2004. The PCT application designated all member countries. For the majority of the designated countries, you must initiate the National Phase in each desired country within 30 months from the earliest priority date (**by July 30, 2006**). The Application then proceeds under separate prosecution in each country. Upon entry into the National Phase, separate filing costs for each individual country will be payable. If the National Phase is not initiated by this date, the application lapses in that country.

For a few designated countries (Switzerland, Luxembourg, Sweden, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia), however, you must initiate the National Phase in each desired

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country within 20 months from the earliest priority date (**by September 30, 2005**). In order to delay the national phase entry to the 30-month deadline, you must file a Demand for preliminary examination within 19 months from the earliest priority date (**by August 30, 2005**) and pay an additional fee.

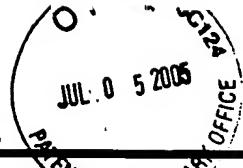
Very truly yours,



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Subject: Withdrawal of Representation

Jake & Cathy:

Please see the attached letter regarding our withdrawal of representation in your U.S. and PCT patent applications. We are also forwarding this letter via facsimile and Federal Express.

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